Russia Could Question US Moon Landing Over Soccer

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If the FBI continues to investigate FIFA, questioning the legitimacy of Russia winning the World Cup bid, Moscow will demand an investigation on the US moon landings, a Russian official said.

(Newswire.net -- June 19, 2015) -- The US-led investigation into the FIFA governing body, which resulted in spectacular arrests of the world soccer organization's top managers, discovered a long line of corruption and questioned Russia's and Qatar's World Cup bid victories.

After losing the bid to Qatar, the US continued to question the validity even after FIFA officially stated that there will be no changes and no rebid. Given that the FBI continue to pressure FIFA to cancel bidding results, Russia's investigative committee representative has demanded an international investigation to be launched probing the US 1969 moon landings, the Newsweek reported.

A representative for the Russian Federation Investigative Committee Vladimir Markin wrote in Russian national newspapers Izvestia (the report) that the US crossed the line when its "prosecutors decided to declare themselves the supreme arbiters of international football," by investigating FIFA.

"There is only one thing that is even worse [than corruption] - when corrupt officials decide to 'fight against corruption' with their corrupt aims," Marking said accusing the US of disregarding its own problems with corruption.

Without elaborating on details in a series of allegations, Markin casts doubt on the US Moon landing. He mentioned the mysterious disappearance of film footage from the Apollo landing in 1969. According to Markin, the international commission should test the validity of the 400kg of lunar rock, which was reportedly collected over subsequent US missions to the moon.

Markin, however, wrote that officially Russia does not doubt that US astronauts landed on the moon, but that the disappearance of evidence materials that is world heritage is the question to be asked in an independent international investigation.

"No, we are not arguing that they did not fly [to the moon] and only shot a film. But all of these scientific - or perhaps cultural - artifacts are part of the legacy of humanity, and their disappearance without a trace is our common loss. An investigation will show [what has happened]," Markin writes.

In 2009 Nasa admitted they had deleted footage of the landing for budget purposes but the footage was then restored thanks to contemporary TV recordings. Some of the rocks that were collected in Apollo missions to the moon are now stored in the Lyndon B. Johnson Space Center Texas.